

Claim 9 (original) The workpiece movement and positioning device of claim 7 further comprising other working tools controlled by the computer to perform work in the workpiece.

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner issued objections to Claim 1 because of the informalities: “the said workpiece” recited throughout claim 1. Corrections to the informalities of Claim 1 have been made accordingly. The Examiner also issued a rejection of claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, wherein claims 2, 4 and 5 are ultimately dependant upon claim 1. Applicant has amended claim 1 and now believes that claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are now allowable as Claim 1 provides a new method and for a user to use a single claimed method invention to choose and implement any one of three different methods for workpiece movement and control that have traditionally been separate methods and separate apparatus’. Those traditional separate methods being defined as “scanning”, “lift and index” and “pop-up” movement and control methods. The new method allows a user to choose which method (i.e., “scanning”, “pop-up”, or “lift and index”) they desire to use for a given workpiece and select and implement that method for the given workpiece on a single apparatus. When a different new workpiece is used, a new choice of

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the three available methods is available for selection and implementation by the user on the new workpiece. As such, the three available method options are available in one location for the user to select and implement depending upon the job they are running. Consequently, the three available methods are available to select from, but cannot be run at the same time. Claim 3 was cancelled in a previous amendment.

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